(b) Madhya Pradesh have in August '90 submitted a project report for installation of a 817 MW gas based power station in Bhander Tehsil of District Gwalior. The project envisages the use of gas from HBJ pipeline.

(c) Certain inputs such as compliance of Section 29 of ES Act, 1948, gas linkage, environmental (Centre), environmental (State), water availability, National Airports Authority etc. have not been tied up by the State Government. The scheme can be considered for techno-economic clearance of CEA only when all the necessary inputs for the Gwalior GTCC TPS are tied-up.

RAIL LINK FROM BHADRAK TO PARADEEP

908. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any demand for linking Bhadrak with Paradeep via Jaipur Town and Kendrapara (South-Eastern Railway);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted or proposed to be conducted for this route;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) At the beginning of 1991-92, Railways had on hand 24 new line projects totalling 2070 km and 11 gauge conversion projects for 2118 km. The balance of funds required for their completion is about Rs. 3,005 crores. The outlay provided by the Planning Commission is Rs. 250-300 crores a year for these projects. At this rate it would take several years to complete even the on-going schemes. As such it would be difficult to take up the above work. Under the circumstances no useful purpose will be served by carrying out survery for the proposed line at present.

OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING BY PRIVATE COMPANIES

909. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain companies involved in off-shore oil drilling have been pressurising the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) to change the tender evaluation norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits to be enjoyed on relaxation of these norms ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

NEW ITEM CAPTIONED "AIRLINES—A MESS FOR SCINDIA TO CLEAR"

910. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Airlines -A mess for Scindia to clear" appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated July 8, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Many of the issues raised in the article deserve close attention. Action has been initiated to improve the functioning of our airlines.

SC|ST OFFICIALS IN RAILWAYS

911. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of General Managers and Additional General Managers working in the Railways and the number out of them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) the number of Principal Heads of departments and Divisional Railway Managers and the number out of them belonging to Sceduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether there are senior and eligible officers from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who have not been given the opportunity of Divisional Railway Managers; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) . (a) Number of

General Managers and equivalent	.. 19
Number of Scheduled Castes	.. 1
Number of Scheduled Tribes	.. Nil
Number of Additional General Managers	.. 9
Number of Scheduled Castes	.. Nil
Number of Scheduled Tribes	.. Nil

(b) Number of Principal Heads

of the Departments	.. 22
Number of Scheduled Castes	.. 2
Number fo Scheduled Tribes	.. 2
Number of Divisional Railway Managers	..57
Number of Scheduled Castes	.. Nil
Number of Schedule Tribes	.. Nil

(c) Suitable, senior and eligible officers from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes community have been given the opportunity of posting as Divisional Railway Manager.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR SERVICES FROM GUWAHATI TO CALCUTTA VIA DHOBRI

912. SHRI NURUL ISLAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dhobri in Assam is one of biggest British built aerodroms in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to utilize it for greater public interest and if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) wheher to utilize the said airport, the Government propose to link Guwahati to Calcutta via Dhobri and Guwahati to Delhi via Dhobri by air; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) There is no operational airfield in Dhobri fit for operation of civilian passenger aircraft. Indian Airlines and Vayudoot do not have any proposal to airlink Dhobri.

EXTENSION OF RAIL LINE FROM DINDIGUL TO MADURAI

913. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the broadgauge line from Dindigul to Madurai in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, when will it be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?